Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 2, line 15 with the following amended paragraph:

In addition to check fraud, along with the significant increase in the acceptance of credit cards, and more recently debit cards, by numerous businesses throughout the world, the reported instances of credit card fraud have also significantly increased. As is the case with check fraud, while a business harmed by such an act has recourse to the law, it is often time and/or cost prohibitive to enforce and, therefore, credit card fraud has become[[s]] an even more attractive scheme to the people who perpetrate such crimes.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 3, line 16 with the following amended paragraph:

A further measure implemented by a number of businesses, initially and primarily in banking institutions, is the utilization of some form of visual image collection device or devices strategically located in a facility, such as closed circuit television cameras. While these are often effective to prove that a certain person was in a certain place at a certain time, they generally are not designed to capture the person's activities in detail, such as the signing of a specific check or a specific credit card receipt. Without concrete proof of unity of a person

and a fraudulent instrument, such as a check or credit card receipt, insurance carriers, with whom many businesses contract with to insure against loss due to fraud, are not willing to compensate the victim's business for many losses. A main reason for this is that the closed circuit images do not provide sufficient proof for the insurance carriers to recover their losses via subsequent legal action.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 9, line 5 with the following amended paragraph:

The present invention is directed to an improved photo identification collection assembly, generally shown as 10 throughout the Figures. The assembly 10 includes a base portion 12, which includes a stage, generally shown as 30. The stage 30 includes a primary alignment indicator 32, which at least partially defines a primary stage area 34. Further, in at least one embodiment, the stage 30 also includes a secondary alignment indicator 36, which at least partially defines a secondary stage area 38, as illustrated in Figures 5 and 6. The primary and secondary alignment indicators 32 and 36 are disposed on the stage 30 by any one of a number of marking techniques, including, but not limited to, etching, painting, taping, overlaying, etc.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 12, line 2 with the following amended paragraph:

The present invention also incorporates an image actuator 28 which communicatively associates with at least the first image collector 22 and the second image collector 24. The image actuator 28 is structured to generate an actuator signal including, but [[is]] not limited to, mechanical, electrical, optical, or microwave signal modes. Additionally, the image actuator 28 is structured to communicate the actuator signal to at least the first and second image collectors 22 and 24 thereby causing the first and second image collectors 22 and 24 to simultaneously collect data. In a preferred embodiment, the image actuator 28 is structured to communicate the actuator signal to the first, second, and third image collectors 22, 24, and 26, thereby causing the first, second, and third image collectors 22, 24, and 26 to simultaneously collect data.